

PRODUCTS WE LOVE

For the champ drooler in your life

BandaBib by Bazzle Baby keeps the drool at bay and ensures baby will still be fashionable. This bandana-style bib is made of a colorful, soft cotton fabric. The backing is made with a high dry flannel that really keeps baby dry and comfy. The adjustable Velcro closure allows for a comfortable fit. They are machine washable and dryer safe and held up very well after several washes. I love how super soft the cotton is and the bright colors and patterns are stylish and fun. The BandaBib retails for \$12. bazzlebaby.com.

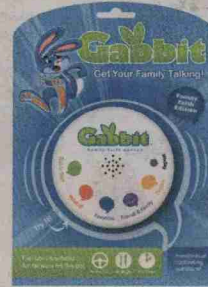
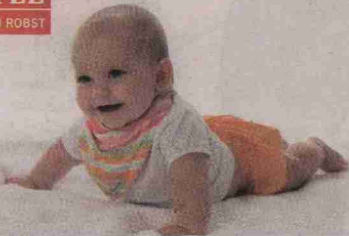
Popcorn or chips? Why not both!

When **chip'ins**—think natural air-popped popcorn in the form of a chip—arrived in our offices and we tore open the bags of white cheddar, buffalo wing, jalepeño ranch and sea salt, all we could say was “yum.” Testers kept coming back for more until the bags were empty. Chip'ins, produced by the company Popcorn, Indiana, are strong enough to dip and are preservative-free, gluten-free and trans fat-free. They are available at Walmart, Walgreens and select Costco stores. popcornindiana.com.

Get gabbing with the kids

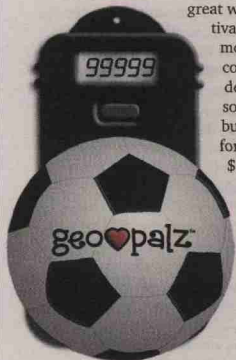
Grab a **Gabbit** and start a conversation with the kids. This electronic device, about the size of a hockey puck, contains all kinds of family-friendly questions. There are five categories of questions from “What If?” to “Friends and Family.” You push a button and Gabbit asks things like “What is the most fun you have had with your family?” or “If you could change your name, what would you change it to?” This is a great tool to get the kids talking. We had a ball playing with Gabbit in the car. It's a fun way to stay connected and learn something new about your kids. \$19.99. group.com.

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Motivation to move it

GeoPalz Activity Tracker gets the kids off the couch and out walking. This pedometer clips onto your child's waistband, keeps track of their steps and rewards them for their activity. As an extra incentive, kids can register their GeoPalz Activity Tracker online and then log their steps each day to accumulate points. Points can then be redeemed for prizes. It is a great way to get kids motivated to get out and move. The trackers come in kid-friendly designs including a soccer ball and lady bug and are designed for kids 5 and older. \$19.99. geopalz.com/store.



Learning music concepts can be fun

Reading and music come together with the **Freddie the Frog** book series, designed to teach the fundamental concepts of music. Musical notes are interspersed throughout the story to give kids an idea of where particular notes are placed on the staff. Each book also includes a CD that tells the story and features more songs. The stories, geared at kids 8 and under, are engaging and the CD will keep the kids entertained. Each book in the four-part series cost \$23.95. freddiethefrogbooks.com.



Serving sizes made easy

Nutri-Plate is a great tool to use to get kids to eat the correct portion size and make the right choices on how to fill their plates. The 8-inch plate, ideal for kids 2-8, has an appropriately-sized area for veggies or fruits, proteins, fats and whole grains. Each section is colorful and has text describing what types of foods should fill the spot. The plate offers visual cues for kids, giving them an idea of how a healthy plate should look at mealtime. \$11.95. nutri-plate.com.

